

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5487  
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
AMEMBASSY SAN JSE  
AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINS, NU  
SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS HEIGHTEN TENSION

1. IN LATE EVENING JAN 24, EMBOFF RECEIVED CALL FROM THE AP OFFICE IN MEXICO STATING THEY HAD RECEIVED INFO FROM THEIR MANAGUA STRINGER THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A PHONE THREAT. EMBOFF REPLIED THIS WAS A SERIOUS BUT NOT ISOLATED EVENT AND THAT SO FAR PHONE THREATS HAD NOT RESULTED IN VIOLENCE.

2. IN FACT, THERE APPARENTLY HAS BEEN A WIDESPREAD CAMPAIGN BY BOTH PRO AND ANTI-REGIME CALLERS THREATENING DAMAGE OR HARM SINCE THE CHAMORRO ASSASSINATION. IN THE NATIONAL WORKSTOPPAGE CAMPAIGN NUMEROUS ESTABLISHMENTS, ESPECIALLY GAS STATIONS HAVE RECEIVED PHONE THREATS, MANY TAPE RECORDED, THAT UNLESS THEY CLOSE THEY WILL BE PUT TO THE TORCH. OTHER ENTERPRISES WHICH HAVE CLOSED HAVE BEEN THREATENED THAT UNLESS THEY REOPEN THEY WILL BE SACKED. SOME RADIO STATIONS, AND THE OPPOSITION NEWSPAPER LA PRENSA, LIKE THE AP STRINGER HAVE RECEIVED THREATS FROM PRESUMABLY PRO-REGIME CALLERS.

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3. ALTHOUGH PHONE THREATS ARE NOT NEW IN NICARAGUA THEY APPEAR TO NOW BE LAUNCHED ON A NEW SCALE AND ARE CONTRIBUTING TO HEIGHTENED TENSION. GIVEN THE GENERAL POOR STATE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INACCURACY OF THE NATIONAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, THE CAMPAIGN ALSO DEMONSTRATES A HIGH LEVEL OF ORGANIZATION AND PERSISTENCE.  
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